(b) the number of such tickets issued by Air India and Indian Airlines during the last three years and the loss caused to the Airlines in each year;

(c) who are the top twenty beneficiaries of above tickets in terms of frequency and value of tickets; and

(d) what are the norms prescribed for the issue of such tickets?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Restoration of Pawan Hans flight between Delhi-Rajouri Sector

917. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flight of Pawan Hans was in operation from Delhi to Rajouri Districts of Jammu and Kashmir for three years and it has been withdrawn without any justification; and

(b) if so, whether Government will restore this flight or its alternate, from Delhi to Rajouri where the infrastructure, Airfield etc. are quite intact for smooth operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir had taken a helicopter of Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) from January, 1987 to April, 1989 on lease basis for utilisation within the State as per their requirements. The State Government had used the helicopter at times for flights to Rajouri from Jammu/Srinagar. However, no flight was ever operated from Delhi to Rajouri. Keeping operational and economic factors in view, it is not a viable proposition for PHHL to operate helicopter services directly from Delhi to Rajouri.